

REMARKS

Claims 8 and 9 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-7 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

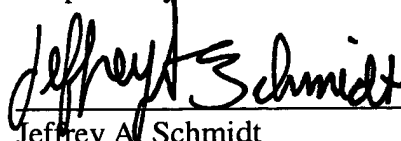
In the Advisory Action as mailed on November 30, 2004, the Examiner indicated that claims 8 and 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, to expedite prosecution of this application, Applicants have written claims 8 and 9 in independent form, and have canceled claims 1-7 without prejudice or disclaimer to pursuit in a divisional application.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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